

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Effects on Today's World

How did Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. affect my life? That question isn't such a simple question. You can't just ask that question and expect a one-sentence answer, unless you are really that uneducated about Dr. King and that would be a loss for you.

Dr. King did absolute wonders for this world. Wonders that I wouldn't have known about until I watched the movie *A Ripple of Hope*. To realize twenty thousand people were arrested after King was assassinated is kind of surprising and new to my knowledge. I feel like that shows either twenty thousand people loved him that much or were just completely crazy.

Anyways, back to the question, how did he affect my life? I feel like every time I see a person of a different ethnicity (not just African American) doing the same as a white person – like in the same college, same activities, same neighborhood even, etc. – it's something to thank Dr. King for. He had a dream. He worked to make his dream a reality. Personally, I think studying Dr. King just one day a year just doesn't do him justice.

A tragic question asked is, *what would happen if he hadn't said anything?* I guess there's no absolute way of knowing how exactly this world would be today. There is always the option someone else would've worked for racial equality like he did. But I'm assuming this question is leaving that option out, so we might still see races segregated on the buses, different schools, different neighborhoods, and even different stores. I was raised to know that racism isn't "cool" and no person deserves it. Personally, I find racism repulsive.

Seriously, our skin color is supposed to tell us what we can and cannot do? Where we can and cannot go? Where we can and cannot go to the bathroom? What is right about that? If America was still segregated, I wouldn't be proud to say, "I'm an American." Thank you, Dr. King.